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SUMMARY

AMEND 35-A

CHAPTER NO.

EFFECTIVE DATE

ELECTRIC/ENERGY

163	Authorizes FAME to issue up to \$100M in moral obligation bonds to benefit northern Maine; expands PUC approval authority for certificates of public convenience and necessity for transmission line		PL 2003, ch. 506	June 26, 2003
231	Requires the PUC's conservation assessments on T&Ds be based on per kWh rather than total T&D revenues	§3211	PL 2003, ch. 217	September 13, 2003
233	Requires Maine to consider 30-year life cycle benefit cost analysis and target energy efficiency of 20% above code for construction or renovation of state buildings and schools. Also requires the PUC to study various building construction guidelines		PL 2003, ch. 497	September 13, 2003
238	Adds the Commissioner of Conservation to the Energy Resource Council		PL 2003, ch. 9	September 13, 2003
352	Requires the PUC to study ways to provide incentives for T&Ds to promote efficiency and security to the grid	§3211	PL 2003, ch. 219	September 13, 2003
371	Requires the PUC to conduct a rate review prior to approving a T&D utility AFOR	§3195, 4706	PL 2003, ch. 45	September 13, 2003
668	Directs the PUC to work with Canada on ways to reduce transaction costs and barriers to free flow of electricity between Maine and Atlantic Canada		Resolve 2003, ch. 5	September 13, 2003
669	Directs the Energy Resource Council (ERC) to seek federal funding. It authorizes the ERC to seek and the PUC to provide up to \$200,000 from the Conservation Fund. It also directs the Council to study energy-related policy and its implementation, focusing on efficiency and renewables. The Council must issue a report by 1/31/04.	§3211	PL 2003, ch. 487	June 23, 2003
805	Deems that funds collected from electricity consumers be held in trust for purposes of benefiting electricity consumers; if the funds are not spent within 2 years of being collected, the PUC must return the value of those funds by reducing the assessment to T&Ds	§3211	PL 2003, ch. 275	September 13, 2003
845	Requires DEP to develop and implement a plan that targets reduction of greenhouse gas emission to levels related to 1990 levels		PL 2003, ch. 237	September 13, 2003
1030	Provides explicit permission for COUs to enter into wholesale PPAs to provide retail generation within their territory; the COUs must comply with the portfolio and information disclosure requirements applicable to CEPs	§3207, 3212	PL 2003, ch. 141	September 13, 2003
1184	Directs the Energy Resource Council, in consultation with DEP, to study alternate transportation and heating fuels, alternatively fueled vehicles and biofuels and report back on interim findings by 1/31/04 and final recommendations by 1/31/05		Resolve 2003, ch. 50	September 13, 2003
1312	Directs the PUC to examine mechanisms to increase the State's use of renewables including RPS, SBC and others		Resolve 2003, ch. 45	September 13, 2003

1321	Amends Maine law regarding energy efficiency standards and indoor air quality in new constructin or substantial renovation in a residential building of more than 2 dwelling units to conform to ASHRAE 90.1 standards		PL 2003, ch. 151	September 13, 2003
1494	Authorizes adoption of Chapter 306, Information Disclosure Rule amendment if fuel cells, geothermal, solar, tidal and wind are separately identified on the label		Resolve 2003, ch. 46	May 23, 2003
1495	Authorizes adoption of Chapter 311, Eligible Resource Portfolio Requirements Rule Amendment		Resolve 2003, ch. 22	May 15, 2003
1595	Requires investor-owned T&Ds to adopt and follow a schedule of reading meters monthly; bi-monthly meter readings must receive prior PUC approval	§3104	PL 2003, ch. 412	September 13, 2003
TELECOMMUNICATIONS/TELEMARKETING/E-911				
265	Requires the PUC to balance access/toll rate policies and deny access rate reductions when the effect of a decrease compels an increase in local rates or USF of more than 10%; there will be a 2-year delay in the reduction in intrastate access rates to the interstate level as of 1/1/03. However, if further intrastate reductions are needed, they must not result in an increase of more than 50% in a 2-year period	§7101	PL 2003, ch. 101	May 2, 2003
331	Requires intrastate telemarketers to transmit telephone numbers and the name of the telemarketer to anyone with caller ID; full compliance with federal law not required until 1/29/04		PL 2003, ch. 70	September 13, 2003
771	Provides that landline, cellular and wireless providers share in the costs of implementing E-911 in Maine		PL 2003, ch. 194	September 13, 2003
775	Clarifies that definition of "telephone utility" includes switchless resellers	§102	PL 2003, ch. 153	September 13, 2003
776	Allows the PUC to establish an AFOR for telephone utilities other than Verizon	§9104	PL 2003, ch. 48	April 17, 2003
1423	Moves ESCB to the PUC; keeps the surcharge at 50¢ per line by removing the sunset provision; and directs that ESCB reduce the number of PSAPs to between 16-24	§103	PL 2003, ch. 359	September 13, 2003
1444	Permits ESCB to adopt rules (major substantive), approved by the PUC before submission to the Legislature, to establish requirements to locate emergency calls from multi-line telephone systems		PL 2003, ch. 478	September 13, 2003
WATER				
7	Increases the debt limit of the North Jay Water District		P&SL 2003, ch. 10	May 6, 2003
346	Authorizes the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries to enter into an amendment of the conservation easement in the Rangeley River conservation corridor		Resolve 2003, ch. 44	May 23, 2003
491	Establishes a permit procedure for withdrawals of groundwater or surface water in excess of 50,000 gallons per day		PL 2003, ch. 121	September 13, 2003
655	Amends the charter of the Brunswick Sewer District		P&SL 2003, ch. 19	September 13, 2003

678	Amends the charter of the Lubec Water & Electric District to reflect the sale of the District's electric business on 8/1/90		P&SL 2003, ch. 15	May 13, 2003
804	Amends the standard water district enabling act by allowing an increase to debt limit via referendum, addresses trustee compensation and imposes liens on property for unpaid rates	§6401, 6410, 6413, 6414	PL 2003, ch. 147	September 13, 2003
967	Amends the charter of the Madawaska Water district by authorizing a referendum to allow readiness-to-serve charges		P&SL 2003, ch. 16	May 14, 2003
1004	Exempts installation of stand-alone water meters from municipal plumbing inspection and permitting requirements		PL 2003, ch. 304	September 13, 2003
1212	Creates the Bayside Utilities District; addresses the water quality of Hatcase Pond		P&SL 2003, ch. 9	September 13, 2003
1252	Allows water & sewer districts to perform lease and lease-buyback transactions	§6109	PL 2003, ch. 267	September 13, 2003
1594	Dissolves the Brewer Water District		P&SL 2003, ch. 26	September 13, 2003
1608	Amends the charter of the Baileyville Utilities District		P&SL 2003, ch. 25	June 3, 2003
1620	Amends the charter of the New Portland Water District		P&SL 2003, ch. 28	June 5, 2003
GAS				
126	Adds a member of the labor organization in the building & construction industry to the Board of Propane & Natural Gas		PL 2003, ch. 420	September 13, 2003
MULTIPLE UTILITIES				
64	States that a T&D utility may reduce its security for self-insuring it's worker's compensation obligations by up to \$10M		PL 2003, ch. 38	September 13, 2003
1042	Authorizes the PUC to assess utilities at the same rate authorized for 2004; allows the PUC and the OPA to carry forward unspent funds at the end of FY03 and FY04; directs the PUC to report to U&E by 1/1/04	§116	PL 2003, ch. 272	May 23, 2003
1483	Replaces provisions of law that authorize the PUC to issue penalties for non-compliance of laws, rules and orders not to exceed \$5,000 or .25% (per violation) of the violator's annual gross revenues; the PUC may require disgorgement of profits or revenues realized	§112, 115-117, 703, 704, 707, 709, 1503-1512, 3203, 3206, 4512, 4515-4516, 4704-4705, 7105-7107	PL 2003, ch. 505	September 13, 2003
1539	Amends law relating to corporate divestiture	§2110, 3204, 4502	PL 2003, ch. 344	May 29, 2003

1567	Changes the term "forfeitures" to "fines" for civil violations; deletes changes to a subsection in public utilities laws that is repealed in another bill	§703, 7701	PL 2003, ch. 452	September 13, 2003
1604	Allows all excavators to begin excavation immediately where facility owners have determined no underground facilities exist; directs the PUC to establish major substantive rule		PL 2003, ch. 373	September 13, 2003
MISCELLANEOUS				
249	Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt written procedures and trained person for freedom of access requests		PL 2003, ch. 185	September 13, 2003
255	Requires unsolicited commercial email to contain a valid return email address so that the recipient may reply that they do not wish to receive further unsolicited email; restrictions do not apply to those with prior relationships or those requesting information from the sender; unsolicited email must contain notice of the nature of the email in the subject line; persons sending unsolicited emails may not use another person's internet address or domain name without permission or use false routing information		PL 2003, ch. 327	September 13, 2003
397	Establishes a study group to examine emergency alert notification for the deaf & hard of hearing		Resolve 2003, ch. 78	June 17, 2003
441	Clarifies that the definition of "distillates" for fuel tax purposes include "biodiesel fuel," which is defined as a renewable fuel derived from vegetable oils or animal fats		PL 2003, ch. 266	September 13, 2003
472	Establishes the task force to study regulatory barriers to affordable housing		Resolve 2003, ch. 73	September 13, 2003
483	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL FY03 (Part BB - transfers \$408,185 from the PUC Consumer Education Fund and \$600,000 from the PUC Conservation Administration Fund to the General Fund)		PL 2003, ch. 2	February 13, 2003
709	Requires person who files for a permit to remove a dam to attend a preapplication meeting with DEP and to hold a public informational meeting		PL 2003, ch. 134	September 13, 2003
724	Clarifies that information in E-911 databases may be used only for emergency response purposes		PL 2003, ch. 124	September 13, 2003
845	Directs DEP to create greenhouse gas emissions inventory for state-owned facilities and state-funded programs; sets state short, medium and long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Maine; directs DEP to adopt a plan by 7/1/04 and to evaluate every 2 years the state's progress		PL 2003, ch. 237	September 13, 2003
1047	Ensures that each state agency establish a policy that makes certain that complaints against state employees are addressed by that agency; prohibits the release of confidential information		PL 2003, ch. 230	September 13, 2003
1079	Establish the committee to study compliance with Maine's freedom of access laws		Resolve 2003, ch. 83	September 13, 2003

1107	Provides that a person who has life insurance as a retiree under MSRS may purchase insurance as an active employee if they become reemployed in a position that qualifies for life insurance coverage		PL 2003, ch. 485	September 13, 2003
1319	BUDGET BILL (FYE 6/04, 6/05) - transfers 3 positions from DECD to the PUC; charges the PUC with enforcing energy building standards and all other DECD functions	\$3211	PL 2003, ch. 20	March 27, 2003
1528	Permits required notice of an agency rulemaking process to be given electronically, upon prior agreement; copies of proposed rules may also be distributed in the same manner by agencies, thus conserving paper		PL 2003, ch. 207	May 16, 2003
1574	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL - FYE 6/03, 6/04, 6/05		PL 2003, ch. 51	April 18, 2003
1575	Provides for a loan from FAME to pay property taxes for Millinocket & E. Millinocket and to ensure that Brascan will receive BETR payments		P&SL 2003, ch. 8	April 25, 2003
1582	Adds an exception to the definition of "public records" in the Freedom of Access laws; adds a new category of records that is not public records		PL 2003, ch. 392	September 13, 2003
1614	SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET BILL (FYE 6/03, 6/04 & 6/05 - transfers 3 DECD positions to the PUC		PL 2003, ch. 451	June 12, 2003
1619	Amends certain state labor laws to provide parity with the treatment of state employees and those in the private sector, exempting legislative employees, regarding overtime pay; amends worker's compensation law to allow state employees barred from suing the State not be excluded from coverage under the worker's compensation law		PL 2003, ch. 423	September 13, 2003